RIALISM A LIRA A NICALICA

PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTY MANAGERS AND OWNERS

2016 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar Now on Sale

Alexandria, Va., Aug. 28, 2015 — Preorder your 2016 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids Calendar now by visiting the Online Store at www.nahma.org. Don't wait, the 2015 edition sold out. The calendars will be shipped in mid-September. The cost is \$5.50 per calendar, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense.

The <u>calendars</u> feature outstanding original artwork by children, seniors and adults with special needs living in affordable multifamily housing. This year's contest celebrated community spirit with its theme and subtheme, Our Hands Are United: Reach Out and Be a Good Neighbor.

Stephanie Vázquez Collazo, a 12th-grader from Manatí, Puerto Rico, has been named the grand prizewinner in the 29th annual poster and art contest. Her artwork appears on the cover of NAHMA's 2016 calendar. Stephanie, 18, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for NAHMA's Regulatory Issues fall meeting in October, as well as a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

Nearly 5,000 eligible children, elderly/disabled and residents with special needs participated in the nationwide contest. Each child winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the foundation. A \$1,000 cash award is made in the name of the adult winners to their community for use in purchasing or funding a project from which all of the community's residents will benefit. All winners are also featured in the 2016 calendar.

Additionally, participants in the annual art contests held by the local Affordable Housing Management Associations (AHMAs) are eligible to be selected as Regional AHMA Art Contest Honorable Mentions. Those selected for this distinction are featured in a special section of the NAHMA 2016 Drug-Free Kids calendar and receive a \$100 check.

For the contest, the artwork is divided into seven categories with winners selected from each of the following: kindergarten-first grade, second-third grades, fourth-sixth grades, seventh-ninth grades, 10th-12th grades, seniors, and residents with special needs. Only students are eligible for the grand prize.

The following lists this year's national program winners, with their ages, grade/category, community where they live, management company, and name of the AHMA that submitted their artwork:

GRAND PRIZEWINNER

 Stephanie Vázquez Collazo, 18, 12th grade, Villas de Manatí, Manatí, Puerto Rico, Martinal Management Corp., SAHMA

NATIONAL WINNERS

- Jennifer Lauzon, 15, ninth grade, Bay Village, Fall River, MA, First Realty Management, NEAHMA
- Tyshaun Dargbeh, 12, seventh grade, Rochelle Manor Apartments, Durham, NC, Westminster Company, SAHMA
- Winnie Mei, 15, ninth grade, Charlesview Residences, Brighton, MA, Peabody Properties, Inc., NFAHMA
- Bette Shapiro, senior, Ocean Park Villas, Santa Monica, CA, G & K Management Co., Inc., AHMA-PSW
- Kenny Camacho, 46, special needs, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, Interstate Realty Management Company, JAHMA
- Vivianna Salcido, 16, 11th grade, Strathern Park, Sun Valley, CA, Thomas Safran & Associates, AHMA-PSW
- Bianca X. Salcido, 17, 12th grade, Strathern Park, Sun Valley, CA, Thomas Safran & Associates, AHMA-PSW
- Aniyah Taylor, 10, third grade, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, Interstate Realty Management Company, JAHMA
- Herman Ma, 7, second grade, Kukui Tower, Honolulu, HI, EAH Housing, AHMA-NCH
- Michael Mireku, 8, third grade, Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, MA, Corcoran Management Company, NEAHMA
- Madison McElroy, 11, fifth grade, Bay Village, Fall River, MA, First Realty Management, NEAHMA
- Jessica Lauzon, 11, sixth grade, Bay Village, Fall River, MA, First Realty Management, NEAHMA
- Aimee Pugh, 12, sixth grade, Bull Creek Apartments, Columbus, GA, WinnResidential, SAHMA

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Anna Parrish Hunt, 71, senior, Heritage Place Apartments, McMinnville, OR, Housing Authority of Yamhill County, Oregon AHMA
- Jazmin Moreno, 18, 12th grade, Fawn Ridge Apartments, The Woodlands, TX, BSR Trust, AHMA East Texas
- Tyrah Gary, 9, fourth grade, Beckett Gardens Apartments, Philadelphia, PA, Community Realty Management, PennDel AHMA
- Angel Valdillez, 18, 11th grade, West End Baptist Manor Apartments, San Antonio, TX, McDougal Property Management, SW-AHMA
- Elliot Seymour, 15, ninth grade, Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, MT, Tamarack Property Management Co., Rocky AHMA
- Marte Craig, 18, 11th grade, Southpark Apartments, Columbus, OH, American Apartment Management Company, MAHMA
- John Nichols, 74, senior, Stonecroft Apartments, Hagerstown, MD, Interstate Realty Management Company, Mid-Atlantic AHMA
- Louise Atwell, 64, & Dolores Jancay, 70, senior, Cannon House Highrise for the Elderly, Canonsburg, PA, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, PAHMA

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. Founded in 1990, NAHMA's membership today

includes the industry's most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit www.nahma.org for more information.

###

Media Contact

Jennifer Jones, Manager of Communications and Public Relations National Affordable Housing Management Association 703-683-8630, ext. 100 jjones@nahma.org